

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING STANISLAUS COUNTY SUPERVISOR DICK MONTEITH

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Stanislaus County Supervisor Dick Monteith, who will be awarded the first ever Champion of Free Enterprise Award by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, for his 55 years of public service.

Dick Monteith was born in Los Banos, California to Kenneth and Elizabeth Monteith. He spent his early years attending Merced and Stanislaus County public schools, graduating from Turlock High School in 1950. He continued his education at Menlo College and Stanford University, graduating with a B. A. Degree in Sociology in 1954. While at Stanford University, he played football as a starting defensive back and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

From 1950 to 1957, he served in the United States Navy Reserve, whose mission is to deliver strategic depth and operational capability to the Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint Forces.

Soon after graduation, Dick started a lifelong career in agri-business as a partner with his father in Monteith Tractor/Truck Company. He subsequently served in the marketing department of Gallo Wines, and as a Sales Representative for Weyerhaeuser Company. He retired in 1991 as General Manager of Sales and Distribution for Middleton Packaging prior to seeking his first elective office.

Dick was first elected to the California State Senate, 12th District, in 1994 and again in 1998—termining out in 2002. In 2007, Dick was elected to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and was Chairman of the Board in 2011.

Supervisor Monteith serves on the boards of Youth for Christ and the Modesto Gospel Mission. He has also been a fifty-year plus member of the Turlock Masonic Lodge #395.

Dick and his wife Jeanine make their home in Modesto. He has two adult sons, three adult step-daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Dick and Jeanine attend Trinity Presbyterian Church. In their spare time, they enjoy traveling, sporting events, and the arts.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Supervisor Dick Monteith for his recognition from the Modesto Chamber of Commerce with the Champion of Free Enterprise Award. His 55 years of dedicated service to the community and the state are to be commended.

HONORING WILLIAM LEE EDWARDS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a man who had a tremendous impact on my life, William Lee Edwards. Bill was a treasured member of the Greensburg community and served in many different leadership roles at both Greensburg Junior High School and Greensburg High School over the past 40 years.

Bill Edwards was also a devoted husband to his wife of 46 years, Joyce. Together, they were the proud parents of three sons and grandparents to four grandchildren. Bill was an avid fisherman and loved spending his free time outdoors.

In addition to his family, Bill's lifelong passions revolved around education and sports. Bill served as the Greensburg Junior High Athletic Director for 27 years, coaching both the boys and girls track team, the football team, and the basketball team. Bill then moved on to become the face of Greensburg sports as the Athletic Director for Greensburg High School.

Mr. Edwards, as I always called him, played a significant role in the lives of literally thousands of young people in his decades of service to Greensburg. I was one of them. He was my seventh grade Social Studies teacher and my eighth grade football coach. He was an outstanding teacher, who brought energy to the classroom. And, decades later, now as a Member of Congress, I still recall his lessons on Israel and Vietnam. He was a great coach, who pushed us to excel and coached many undefeated seasons. But, maybe most importantly, he taught us that anything was possible if you worked hard, followed a plan and believed.

Mr. Edwards, I will always be grateful for those lessons. I know I speak for generations of young people in Greensburg when I thank you for your career. You will be missed by those you helped to smile, succeed and empower. May God bless you, your family, and all the people of Greensburg who you touched through your work.

HONORING SUMA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, financial service organizations have the ability to change lives and lift up entire communities. Such has been the case with SUMA Federal Credit Union, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014 at their Jubilee Banquet.

SUMA was organized by a small contingent of Ukrainian immigrants who settled in Yonkers after World War II. Citing the growing need for financial services in order to improve the quality of life for their families, they developed a credit union whereby financial resources would be pooled to help obtain less expensive loans and insurance.

To comply with National Credit Union Association requirements, they chose to support the Ukrainian American Youth Association, Yonkers branch, as their sponsor. Using shoe boxes to store cash reserves, the credit union opened for business in September of 1964, and in four short months had accumulated over \$25,000 in assets from 82 members. For the next several decades, the SUMA Credit Union continued to grow and expand, establishing branch offices in Spring Valley, New York as well as Stamford, Connecticut.

Today, SUMA has a membership base of over 7,000 and over \$286,000,000 in total assets. But their impact goes beyond the financial wellbeing of its members; it has lifted up an entire community and provided incredible

support to the excellent works of the Ukrainian American Youth Organization.

The SUMA Federal Credit Union is a testament to the power of the financial sector and its ability to positively impact communities. I am proud to represent such a fine organization in the House of Representatives and wish them nothing but continued success in their next 50 years.

DR. C.T. VIVIAN

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today it is with great pleasure that I rise to commemorate the contributions of Dr. C.T. Vivian, a public servant and passionate leader in the civil rights movement who has dedicated his life to the struggle for racial equality in America.

Dr. C.T. Vivian was born July 30, 1924 in Howard County, Missouri and attended Western Illinois University in Macomb and was recreation director for the Carver Community Center in Peoria, Illinois. It was there that Dr. Vivian participated in his first sit-in demonstrations which successfully integrated Barton's Cafeteria in 1947.

Dr. Vivian was a close friend and adviser to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King appointed Dr. Vivian to the executive staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1963, naming him national director of affiliates and strategist for the organization.

After leaving Dr. King's Executive Staff, Dr. Vivian founded the Black Action Strategies and Information Center (BASIC), a workplace consultancy on race relations and multicultural training. He and his late wife, Octavia Vivian founded the C.T. & Octavia Vivian Archives and Museum in Fayetteville, GA, in 2014.

In March 2007 at the occasion of the anniversary of Selma to Montgomery marches, then-Senator Barack Obama recognized Dr. Vivian in his opening remarks as "the greatest preacher to ever live." And, on August 8, 2013, President Obama honored Dr. Vivian at the White House by presenting him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. C.T. Vivian remains a distinguished minister, author, and organizer. His historic contributions and achievements as a spiritual leader, champion of social justice, and strategist of the Civil Rights Movement have reserved his place in history. I ask my colleagues join me in expressing the appreciation of a grateful nation.

HONORING COMMUNITY CHAMPION SALLY CARLOW KOHLER

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize one of my constituents from Western Pennsylvania, Sally Carlow Kohler. Sally is a lifelong resident of Erie County, where she was born and raised, attended college, started her own family, and

has made quite a name for herself within the community.

Sally is a proud mother of five, grandmother of twelve, and great-grandmother of one. In 1951 Sally received a Bachelor of History Degree from Mercyhurst College and then went on to earn her Master of Education Degree from Gannon University. Sally worked for the Erie School District as a classroom teacher and guidance counselor, both unique positions that allowed her to positively influence the lives of many. After 30 successful years, Sally retired from the Erie School District however; she continues to play a significant role in the education system.

Sally has actively participated in over 30 civic organizations, proudly making community service a central part of her life. She has served on countless advisory boards, committees, councils, and task forces, voluntarily committing her time and efforts to support these initiatives. As a result of her educational background and expertise, Sally's participation has been an asset to various organizations, including Penn State Education Association—Department of Pupil Services (President), Mercyhurst College Alumni Board, Villa Maria Academy Board of Trustees, Erie School District Middle School Evaluation Committee (Chairman), Erie Guidance Counselors Association (President), Memorial School PTA (President), Northwestern Pennsylvania Personnel and Guidance Association (Secretary), Wayne School Truancy Prevention Program Board, Wattsburg School District Advisory Committee, and the Committee for Better Schools (Vice Chairman).

In addition to her loyalty to education, Sally is also a dedicated advocate for safety. Her sincere desire to protect the vulnerable and create an overall safe and secure environment has motivated her to participate in local, county, state, and national organizations such as the Northwest Pennsylvania Business Coalition for Homeland Security, Erie County Public Safety Citizens Corps, Neighborhood Revitalization Task Force, Erie Bureau of Police—Citizens Police Academy, Greater Kalkwa Neighborhood Watch (Coordinator), Erie Neighborhood Watch Council (Trustee/Officer), Presque Isle State Park (Advisory Committee), Erie County Juvenile Probation Diversion Committee (Chairman), Erie County Children and Youth Advisory Board, Child Welfare League of America, Children Services Advisory Board, Erie County Children Services, Western Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, and Erie County Youth Services Coordinating Council.

Sally's involvement does not stop there, she also proudly associates herself with the Erie Rotary Club, Erie Yacht Club, and Jaycee Wives Auxiliary (President). Sally is a catalyst for improvement throughout Erie County and the determination and passion she displays is truly remarkable. To this very day, Sally enthusiastically participates in 13 organizations, humbly remaining a fully engaged community volunteer.

Sally has built a legacy based on altruism, compassion, and faithfulness. She has set a standard of excellence and generosity that will inspire others for generations to come. Sally is the epitome of a service-minded citizen and her selfless contributions are admirable and noteworthy. On behalf of many, I would like to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to Sally Carlow Kohler, a respectful Community Champion.

HONORING DR. NADER J. SAYEGH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, those who selflessly give of themselves to serve the general good are the heartbeat of every community. Such is the case with Dr. Nader J. Sayegh, a lawyer and educator by profession who has done a great deal to give back to society.

Dr. Sayegh worked in education in many different capacities for more than 40 years, holding various titles and roles ranging from teacher and principal to superintendent. In that time he also received a law degree from Pace University, and has practiced every kind of law from personal injury and criminal to real estate and immigration for over 23 years.

But Dr. Sayegh's true passion is community involvement. Giving back to society was always an important tenet of his philosophy in life. He has served as Trustee for Yonkers Public Schools, a Liaison for the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association, and a member of Yonker's Mayor Mike Spano's Education Re-Design Team, which looks for positive ways to reform the way we teach our kids. He serves as Chairman of the Charter Revision Committee, the President of the Yonkers Board of Education, and if all of that wasn't impressive enough, he is also multi-lingual.

Dr. Sayegh's work has been recognized and honored by many incredible organizations focused on civic engagement, including the NAACP, the March of Dimes, and the Red Cross.

On October 9th, 2014 another great organization, the Salvation Army, honored Dr. Sayegh at their annual dinner. I want to congratulate Dr. Nader Sayegh on this well-deserved recognition and thank him for the countless contributions he has made to better our community.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD D. "DICK" GILROY

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard D. "Dick" Gilroy, a great Hoosier and valued friend who passed away on January 25, 2015. On that Sunday evening we lost a committed husband and father, as well as a dedicated community servant. I consider the words recorded on the floor of this House to be the official record of our nation. As such, please allow me to submit the following:

After law school, Dick Gilroy joined the office of former Indianapolis Mayor, Richard G. Lugar, where he served the citizens of the city admirably and where he met Sue Anne Starnes, who he would marry in 1973.

Having been a member of the United States Army Reserve, Dick Gilroy was a patriot who cared deeply for our nation and the ideals of American Exceptionalism. As one who believed deeply in the sacred American principle of "innocent until proven guilty," Dick continued to serve the people of Indianapolis as a public defender, and later as a Magistrate Judge.

Always close to politics and public service, Dick Gilroy was the perfect spouse "behind the scenes" as his cherished wife ran for statewide office and served two celebrated terms as Indiana's 58th Secretary of State.

Mr. Speaker, we live in an age when the spouse of an elected official may often times play an integral role in the success of the official's public service. The unelected spouse will often share the work and time commitment of his/her partner. Dick Gilroy understood the significance of this role and executed it faithfully always supporting the efforts of his wife and understanding her commitment to public service. For that reason he was a tremendous asset to Sue Anne and her staff alike. In that role he greatly served the state and country he loved so much.

Dick believed in using his talents and passion to improve the lives of those in his church and community. He created Young Life basketball and tutoring program through Tabernacle Presbyterian Church and led the ministry for ten years. The program influenced the lives of those who participated and the volunteers who supported it. Dick is still referred to as "Coach Gilroy" by those who participated in the program.

As another Gilroy family friend recently remarked, Dick Gilroy was the "salt-of-the-earth" and one of the "best" human beings anyone would come across. Those of us who were lucky enough to "experience" Dick Gilroy, whether we are former Gilroy staffers, personal friends, professional colleagues, or community leaders, could not be more in agreement with these statements.

He was a caring and strong father, a loving husband, and a great mentor to young lawyers and public servants like me. Aside from coaching troubled kids, he played a great deal of sports himself, including hockey. I remember Dick telling me one time when I was playing as an adult that "the only appropriate beverage after a hockey game is a LaBatt's Blue." Growing up in Detroit, and being so close to our northern neighbor, Dick was always allowed this one indiscretion.

Dick Gilroy leaves his wife of 41 years, who along with him, serves as a mentor and friend to Kathy and me. He also leaves his son, Grant, and two granddaughters. Dick has finally been reunited with the Gilroy's beloved daughter, Emily, who preceded him in death.

While leaders always lead, and the leadership that the Gilroy family has provided Indiana for so many years will certainly continue on, Hoosiers experienced a setback in losing Dick Gilroy so unexpectedly. Because so many of us gained so much from him and the quiet leadership he provided, he will always be cherished, missed, and emulated.

HOMELAND SECURITY BILLS

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the three Homeland Security bills under consideration today. H.R. 615, the DHS Interoperable Communications Act, is a bipartisan bill which would improve communication between the many components of the Department of Homeland Security. It is critical for our